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APPLICANT:

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High-Speed Shears for Transverse Cutting of a Rolled Strip

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The required filing fee of \$950.00 (large entity) covering the required statutory fee for the three-month extension of time, as well as any additional fees which may be required, should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 14, 2004.

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